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SELF DENIALS IN CHRISTIAN LIFE.

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DENIAL of one's self is to disclaim self, to refuse the gratification of one's desires and requests.

It was in this sense that Jesus spake to His disciples, telling them of the necessity of denying self, to become His followers. He said: "Whoso-

ever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me."

We can not take out one link from this chain of requirements without destroying it entirely. If we would be the disciples of Christ, we must follow Him, and we can not follow Him without taking up the cross and making many self denials and sacrifices.

The christian's motto must be, "None of self, and all of Thee."

How many professors are willing to do almost anything in religion that costs no self-denial?

The sacrifices of a christian life are varied, very often consisting in doing just what we do not feel inclined to do, or, refraining from what seems pleasant and easy to perform.

What a self-denial it is for some christians to attend divine services twice a Sabbath. Or, let us put it in this light: How much easier it is for them to sacrifice the service of the sanctuary than the companionship of a good book? The much desired rest, the society of some worldly-minded callers, who make it a point to drop in for a friendly visit on Sabbath evenings, just before church. These are preferred rather than the service of God's house. Christ foresaw all these evil tendencies when He said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, etc." There are many professors who, when called upon to do anything that requires any self-denial, say, "Oh! that is too much, I am doing about as much for God as He should ask of me," when in reality they are only doing what they can just as well do as not.

They are not willing to deny themselves of any comfort or convenience whatever for the sake of serving the Lord. They will not bear reproach for the name of Christ. They give from

the abundance that God has given to them just what they can easily spare, and are ready to complain because others who have less than they have, do not give more. They raise one hand to God for coveted blessings, with the other they hold fast to their pocketbooks. With expectant hearts they raise one eye to God for the outpouring of his love and mercy, while with the other they gaze upon their treasures, seeing to it that the church does not get more than its share.

The question they would ask of God is, How much of my substance can I keep for my own enjoyment and pleasure and yet be His child? They give of their surplus. They will not give what they think they might enjoy if they kept it, even if it were to save a world from eternal death. They forget that self-denial is a condition of discipleship, and some time will wake up from their mistaken ideas to the sad realization that they have followed self, and not Christ.

There are some sacrifices that these Christians can consistently make. They can "arrange matters" so as to attend a church festival and buy 10 cents' worth of ice cream, and then contrive to eat 25 cents' worth. They can attend an occasional Sunday excursion for the benefit of the church, supposing that "the end justifies the means."

They can be religious when public opinion demands it. There are occasional duties to the church that they can perform without denying self too much. But how much does the religion of these would-be disciples amount to?

The salvation that has been purchased at the sacrifice of the pure and holy one of God, cannot be bought with a life of no self-denial, and no sacrifice. If we would wear the crown, we must bear the cross. If we would follow Jesus, we must deny self and exalt the name of Christ.

A life well spent, full of self-denial, full of sacrifices for the church, may not be popular in the eyes of the world, nor to self, but it is the price of eternal life in the world to come.

F. D. Paulus is going out of the implement business, and will sell his entire stock of plows and machinery and carriages at special rates. Farmers do well to call at his rooms on Columbia street.

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LADIES' SOCIETY.

The Ladies' Missionary and Aid Society held its monthly meeting Thursday afternoon, September 4th. The attendance was fair. A very interesting feature of the meeting was the payment of the monthly dues, and a discussion of the finances of the society. The secretary's book shows a delinquency on the part of quite a number of the members in the payment of their dues. The gentlemen who are honorary members are, with few exceptions, all in arrears for six months or more. Our ladies are making a heroic effort to raise all the money possible by the 1st of October, so as to be able to pay off the remaining indebtedness on the parsonage lot. To this end the society adopted the following resolution, to be published in the September issue of the Visitor.

Resolved, That the members of the society, who are delinquent, are hereby kindly requested to pay their monthly dues in full by the first of October. And, further, that the attention of the gentlemen is hereby specially directed to this action of the society.

The ladies mean business and we have no doubt but that they will square up all their dues by the above date, and we hope the men will catch the inspiration and do the same. Let every member of this society have sufficient pride of heart and honor to see to it that by the 1st of October the treasurer's book will show a clean record for every name. The ladies are now ready to receive the \$5.00 shares which have been subscribed for the parsonage lot. These subscriptions are all to be paid by the 1st of October. A few of the members are yet to be solicited. This work has been going on steadily, and subscriptions are received every few days. The Society needs about \$550 to meet the remaining indebtedness on the lot. We hope every member of the church will respond cheerfully to this call of the Ladies' Society.

The next meeting of the Society will be held Thursday, 2:30 p. m., Oct. 9.

At the monthly meeting of the Ladies' Society Mrs. Zartman and Miss Emma Neireiter were chosen delegates to the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society, to be held at Bluffton October 1.

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SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORPHANS' HOME.

Anniversary Day at the Orphans' Home, August 20th, was an unprecedented success. The day was all that could be hoped for, cool and refreshing atmosphere. Just such a day when the people of the city will enjoy an outing. The attendance was much larger than in former years, and the people more liberal toward the orphans. Addresses were made by Rev. E. M. Henschen, of Layette, Ind., and Rev. C. M. Schaaf, of Huntington, Ind. Both addresses were stirring appeals in behalf of the Home and its work. Immediately after these addresses, the new addition to the Home was dedicated, this service being conducted by the Superintendent. This new building adds very materially to the appearance of the Home, and serves a much-needed purpose. For the present the children can now be comfortably quartered. We anticipate, however, that before many years other additions will have to be added. There are at present some sixty children cared for at the Home, with others waiting to be received as soon as the new building is fully completed.

The Home is in a flourishing condition, and is constantly growing in favor with the citizens of Fort Wayne, and the church abroad. The managers of the Home deserve much credit for the manner in which its finances have been managed. The net receipts on Anniversary Day will aggregate something over \$800—the largest amount ever realized upon similar occasions. Is not our God in the history of this Home verifying His promise that "He will be a father to the fatherless?" Truly the Lord has been with this institution of the church in its brief history of the past, and our prayer is that He may continue to watch over its interests in the future.

To show the appreciation in which the Home is held by the citizens of Fort Wayne, we publish a letter from Mayor Harding, addressed to Rev. C. F. Kriete, treasurer of the Home, the day after the anniversary:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF FORT WAYNE, IND.,
Aug. 21st, 1899.

Rev. Charles F. Kriete, Fort Wayne, Ind.

REV. AND DEAR SIR—I am so pleased with what I saw yesterday and so struck

with the usefulness of your work in taking care of the orphans of your church that I enclose a small token of my good will.

I hope you will accept same in the spirit in which it is given, and use it to forward the cause in any manner you see fit.

Yours Very Respectfully,

D. L. HARDING.

This letter speaks for itself, and the Mayor certainly has the thanks of the Home for his words of encouragement and his kind remembrance of the same.

WE regretted very much to learn of the resignation of Rev. C. F. Kriete, of the Salem Reformed Church. This brother has been pastor of this church for some fourteen years, and in this pastorate has accomplished a great work among his people. Pastor Kriete is one of those conscientious and genial brethren who make hosts of friends, and has the happy faculty of growing constantly in the esteem and affection of his acquaintances. He has done a work for the Salem Church which possibly could have been done only by a few others. The Salem Church will sustain a severe loss in the removal of their pastor. Rev. Kriete will remain with the church until the latter part of October, when he will go to Louisville, Ky., to assume his pastoral work with the Salem Reformed church of that place. Rev. Kriete and family have been warm friends of the Grace church, and our people regret very much that they shall remove from our midst. The prayers and good wishes of Grace church shall accompany them to their new field of labor, wishing them abundant success.

The church will greatly lament the death of Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, President of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa. Dr. Bomberger has for years been one of the leading men in the Reformed Church and at the time of his death was the President of the General Synod. We regret very much that the church must lose at present a man of so much ability and usefulness. It will be very difficult to fill the vacancy occasioned by his death in the college, and in the church at large. While the church shall mourn the loss of so noble-hearted and consecrated a servant, we shall rejoice in the assurance that he has gone to his final home, and entered upon that higher and more blessed state existence.

Miss Emma Neireiter has during the past month been entertaining two of her lady friends at her home on West Washington street, Miss Emma Zellers of Huntington, Ind., and Freda Poehlman of Akron, O.

GONE TO THEIR LONG HOMES.

"Blessed are they that are home sick, for they shall come at last to the Father's house."
—Stillings.

On Sabbath night, August 17th, occurred the death of William H. Riley, aged 64 years 11 months and 19 days. This brother had been in poor health for some six months past, but only confined to his room for about five weeks. His condition was not regarded as so serious until within a few days previous to his death, when it became apparent to his friends that his end was near at hand. Anticipating what was about to take place, he commended himself and family into the hands of the Lord. He spoke very confidently of his prospects of rest and peace beyond. Only a short time before death came, he said to the family, "I shall soon pass through the portals." Very soon the final struggle came and the spirit took its flight and passed through those portals into the heavenly home. At the early age of seventeen this brother dedicated himself to the Lord. During these years which elapsed since, he has been striving to serve his Lord and Master, that he might at last receive a crown of life and immortality. On the 25th of last May, Mr. Riley connected himself with Grace Church. His connection with the fellowship of this people was brief, but in this short time he became warmly attached to the church and was deeply interested in its work and prosperity.

October 11th, 1860, the deceased was married to Julia A. Sprague, who survives the husband. This marriage union was blessed with five sons and two daughters. One of the sons died in infancy, while the remaining sons and daughters live to mourn the loss of the father. The funeral services were held on Wednesday morning, August 20th, at the Grace Church. May He who is a husband to the widow and a Father to the fatherless, comfort the hearts of this bereaved family; and in this visitation of His providence, bring them all near unto Himself, and at last gather the whole family into those mansions above.

Bessie Angeline, infant of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yaney, died Sabbath morning, August 24th, aged 11 days. The funeral services were held at the home, 87 West Superior street, on Monday morning, August 25th.

"An angel stood and met my gaze,
Through the low door-way of my tent;
The tent is struck, the vision stays:
I only know she came and went."

The pastor and family spent a recent afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Erard, and had a very pleasant time. They have our thanks for a basket of choice Bartlett pears.

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Prayer meeting Wednesday evening	7:30

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Mrs. M. CONET—Treasurer

BRIEF AND PERSONAL NOTES.

Children's Day, Sept. 21st. Have
your offerings ready for benevolence.

The attendance at our Sunday School
has been quite large for some Sabbaths
past.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hassard are now
located in their new home on West
Superior street.

The next quarterly communion ser-
vices will be held the second or third
Sabbath in October.

Mrs. Amelia Agster 206 Hoagland
Avenue, has been quite sick, but is able
to be out to our services again.

Mrs. Wingate has removed from her
home on Gay street, and now resides
with her daughter Mrs. Carey.

WILLIS SOUDER has returned to
school at Tiffin, Ohio. The fall term
of the University opened Wednesday,
Sept. 3rd.

Mrs. Rev. Charles Schaaf, of Hunt-
ington, is spending a few months at
home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Conrad Neiriter.

The Ohio Synod will meet in annual
session at Bluffton, Ind., Oct. 1, at
7:30 p. m. The Women's Synodical
Missionary Society will meet at the
same time and place. There should be
a large representation of our people at
these meetings.

The parade on Labor Day was quite
a display of the industries of the city.
But there were some representations
that to all sensible people must have
seemed very much out of place. They
were not representatives of industries,
but of the *destroying curses of the
land*.

Monday evening Aug. 11th, the pas-
tor took supper with the family of Mr.

Schause's, eight miles east of the city.
We do not have the opportunity of being
often in the homes of our members who
live so distant from the city. Our brief
visit with this family was very pleas-
ant.

We have just received the sad intel-
ligence of the death of the babe of Mrs.
Geo. Miller, who recently removed to
Seattle, Washington State. Bessie was
aged about eight or nine months, and
was a very interesting child. The
family has our sympathy in their bereave-
ment.

Mrs. Carey, and little grand-daughter
Nellie, of St. Thomas, Canada, are
visiting with the family of Mr. and Mrs.
Robert Gavin. Mrs. Carey is a sister
of Mrs. Gavin, and a very pleasant lady
indeed. She gave our ladies very valu-
able assistance during the week of
sewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bolender, and
daughter Millie, have been visiting for
a few weeks with the family of Elder
F. D. Paulus. They have many friends
in Grace Church, and we were very
glad to have them among us. We
only regret that their stay could not
be longer. Mr. Bolender's singing
was very much appreciated by our
people.

S. K. Zartman, brother of the pas-
tor, and agent of the Reformed Pub-
lishing house, was in the city during
several sabbaths of August. The
members of Grace church were glad to
meet him again, and he seemed equally
as much delighted to meet with them. So
the joy was mutual. He also attended
services at Dutch Ridge one Sabbath,
and on the Saturday before a grove
meeting in that community.

The ladies of Grace Church have
again demonstrated their competency
of being equal to any emergency. In
less than one week they fitted out the
Rich Hotel, complete, with bedding.
Give our ladies something to do, and
they are in the field early and late.
The VISITOR speaks thus of our ladies
not because it has any fears of being
woman-cotted, but because they merit
more praise than they receive. They
are self-denying, and not afraid of
work.

A. McClure and F. D. Paulus will
now be found at the corner of Calhoun
street and Douglas avenue—the jolly
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age. They both have the ear marks of
good hosts. They are good eaters.
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THE PRAYER MEETINGS AND TOPICS.

Congregational prayer meeting Wed-
nesday evening, 7:30.

Sept. 10. "Companionship With
Jesus." Acts, 4:13.

Sept. 17. "Go Work in My Vино-
yard." Matt. 21:28,32.

Sept. 24. Promise Meeting." 1 Peter,
1:1-11.

Oct. 1. "The Prayer Meeting." Acts
1:12-14.

Y. P. S. C. E. Prayer Meeting
Tue-day evening, 7:30.

Sept. 9. "Laborers. Our Work;
Its Nature, Rules for Success, Re-
wards." II. Cor. 6:1-18. A. K. Zart-
man.

Sept. 16. "What God Does to Show
His Love to Sinners." Rom. 5:1-11;
I. John, 4:10. Katie Vordemark.

Sept. 23. "Be patient. What Does
the Bible Say About Patience?" Col.
1, 1-20; James 5:7-12. Mrs. John Vor-
dermark.

Sept. 30. Consecration Meeting.
"The Ways of Sin." Temperance
meeting. Rom. 6:19-23. Birdie Saf-
fern.

Oct. 7. "Soldiers, What Shall We
Fight?" How Get the Victory? Rom.
13:1-14; II. Tim. 2:3; 4, 8. Alice Vor-
dermark.

Grace Church will observe Children's
Day Sept. 21st. In the morning the
pastor will preach a sermon to the
children, and in the evening there will
be exercises by the children and young
people. The Sabbath school and con-
gregation will be supplied with enve-
lopes for the offerings. Save up the
nickels and dimes and quarters and
dollars for this day. We want a liberal
offering. Remember the date, Sep-
tember 21st.

Mrs. William Riley and family have
removed to 135 Wallace street.

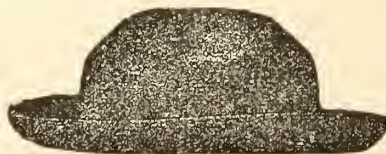
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